

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
2 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3 MINUTES
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5 DATE: Tuesday, May 3, 2022
6 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
7 PLACE: Virtual Meeting via Zoom
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9 **Members Present**

10 Amy Bell, VTrans
11 Michael Poulin, VTrans
12 Matthew Langham, VTrans
13 Matthew Arancio, VTrans
14 Bob Henneberger, Seniors
15 Sam Andersen, GBIC
16 Dennis Lutz, Essex
17 Dierdre Holmes, Charlotte
18 Andrea Morgante, Hinesburg
19 Adele Gravitz, Shelburne
20 Barbara Elliott, Huntington
21 Josh Arneson, Richmond
22 Nicole Losch, Burlington
23 Chapin Spencer, Burlington
24 Elizabeth Ross, Burlington
25 Corey Mims, Burlington
26 Dave Allerton, Milton

Wayne Howe, Jericho
Bruce Hoar, Williston
Kurt Johnson, Underhill
Jon Rauscher, Winooski
Jonathon Weber, Local Motion
Mary Anne Michaels, Rail
Joss Besse, Bolton
Tom DiPietro, South Burlington

17 **Staff**

Charlie Baker, Executive Director
Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager
Bryan Davis, Senior Transportation Planner
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner
Sai Sarepalli, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer
Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer
Pam Brangan, GIS Data & IT Manager

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28 1. Barbara Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.
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30 **2. Consent Agenda**

31 No consent agenda this month.
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33 **3. Approval of April 5, 2022 Minutes**

34 BOB HENNEBERGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2022,
35 SECONDED BY SAM ANDERSEN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
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37 **4. Public Comments**

38 No comments from the public.
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40 **5. Major TIP Amendment**

41 Christine Forde, CCRPC, gave an overview of why this amendment is needed. There are additional costs
42 for the Champlain Parkway in Burlington because the bid came in higher than anticipated. Because the
43 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is fiscally constrained, the decision is to delay some funds for
44 Exit 17 improvements to free up funds needed to cover the Champlain Parkway additional costs. Also
45 included in the amendment is a new bridge on US2 in Williston. Sam asked whether funds for Exit 17
46 will be available next year to cover the moved funds? Christine said yes, and the project schedule isn't
47 impacted with the funding changes. Jonathon clarified that in future years this funding gap will be
48 backfilled? Christine said backfilled isn't the right word. Since construction won't start until 2024, and
49 with most work happening even later, funds aren't really needed in 2023. We'll likely be adding funds in
50 2025-26 when most construction will occur. Bob asked if this portends to future changes, will we run
51 short of money in the future and projects will be pushed out further? Christine said VTrans is looking at
52 this scenario now to make sure funds will be available in future years, they are reassessing and looking at
53 cost estimates.

1 Matthew Langham from VTrans said they're in the process of looking at trends for low bids, which will
2 take a while, this is now the middle of bid advertising season so they'll be looking at trends for those bids,
3 so at this time don't know the answer. They're guessing inflation will affect things for a few years but
4 will wait and see. Joss noted this committee has discussed at various times how much money goes to
5 different aspects of projects, for example the Railyard Enterprise project is a complementary project to
6 Champlain Parkway, so the true total cost is around \$100 million, which is substantial. He doesn't know
7 that the CCRPC wants to put significant funds into new construction rather than maintenance, this doesn't
8 exactly align with regional goals and policies.

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10 NICOLE LOSCH MADE A MOTION THAT THE TAC RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD
11 APPROVE THE TIP AMENDMENTS, SECONDED BY SAM ANDERSEN. THE MOTION PASSED
12 UNANIMOUSLY.

13 14 **6. FY23 UPWP Update**

15 Eleni Churchill, CCRPC, noted that in April staff provided a more thorough review of the draft FY23
16 UPWP and process, so she provided a shorter overview, noting that the plan reflects a lot of work ahead
17 of us and is happy to answer questions.

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19 NICOLE LOSCH MADE A MOTION THAT THE TAC RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE FY23
20 UPWP TO THE BOARD, SECONDED BY JONATHON WEBER. THE MOTION PASSED
21 UNANIMOUSLY.

22 23 **7. VPSP2 – Bridges**

24 Christine Forde, CCRPC, presented the preliminary transportation values for this year's VPSP2 Bridge
25 program. She noted these are scored with the VPSP2 workbook, and preliminary scores (values) are on
26 the far right column on the table in the VPSP2 memo. The table identified whether the potential projects
27 are Town Highway bridges or State Highway bridges. Town Highway bridge projects required a local
28 match while VTrans pay the entire match for State Highway bridges. Green highlighted rows indicate the
29 six regionally driven projects; the nonshaded rows are asset driven potential projects from VTrans. All
30 projects are in "fair" or better shape. The preliminary transportation value for green highlighted projects
31 scored by staff are an estimate, meaning that staff estimated VTrans's inputs to the scores. These are what
32 we would send to VTrans for consideration.

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34 Christine then shared the VPSP2 workbook (spreadsheet) to show how projects are scored. There are 53
35 questions asked for each project. Christine noted that for asset management projects VTrans uses a "right
36 time" system that affects points. She reviewed various sets of questions, including mobility questions and
37 noted bike projects are considered high priority if they are indicated as such on the VTrans On Road Bike
38 Facility study/map. State resiliency map rates roads based on vulnerability, so the score comes from that
39 map. Aquatic organism passage (AOP) passage, EV charging, stormwater, TDM, erosion, are all scoring
40 questions. Sam asked about road vulnerability, Christine noted that it's about the vulnerability of an asset
41 to flooding, and whether it's a critical connection. Jonathon asked that for bike ped connectivity, he
42 assumes roadway shoulders would satisfy as yes, but would their quality affect the score? Christine said
43 these are preliminary scores so we're assuming these will be improvements. Andrea asked in the chat,
44 what does true/false indicate for AOP? Christine said question E2 asks if the project would improve AOP
45 as a dual benefit of the project, and question E1 asks if AOP improvement is the primary purpose of the
46 project. The true/false score can be changed in the future and for bridges they will likely change due to
47 improvements. Note that the rows shaded in pink are scored by CCRPC. Andrea asked wouldn't all
48 projects need to comply with requirements to address AOP? Christine said yes. The workbook isn't
49 specifically for bridges but rather for all projects, so those questions are meant to capture if a project goes
50 beyond requirements. A project would get points for going above and beyond. Adele said the Bay Road
51 project is important to Shelburne and asked if there is something more they can do to emphasize how
52 important it is? Christine said nothing is being asked for you to do, but along with this scoring packet
53 CCRPC will submit other information and can submit scoping studies for that project. Deirdre noticed at

1 the end of the chart that two questions are the same but answers aren't same? Christine said the questions
2 aren't the same, the table was copied from another source so she will find the difference, likely a typo.
3 Deirdre asked that for covered bridges and historic bridges, is there a particular category for those? She
4 noted the Holmes Creek bridge is covered. Christine said yes they're scored under "project to protect a
5 cultural resource." VTrans may propose to use different funding to address these historic and culturally
6 important projects. Christine notes that the first item under health access refers to access to health care
7 facility or physical activity facility

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9 SAM ANDERSEN MADE A MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE ASSET DRIVEN AND
10 REGIONALLY DRIVEN POTENTIAL PROJECT LISTS AND SCORES, SECONDED BY NICOLE
11 LOSCH. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12 13 **8. Water Quality Updates**

14 Pam Brangan, CCRPC, demonstrated the new VT Culverts website: <https://www.vtculverts.org/>. The
15 project started as VOBCIT in the mid-2000s, over the past year Pam worked with Stone Environmental to
16 build a new website, which is public so anyone can visit and use. Without a login you can get some
17 metrics for town-maintained infrastructure. Below the charts is an interactive map with different features
18 and tools available. You can search, filter, view, etc. for both culverts and bridges. The tool includes
19 layers such as VTrans short and long structures, road erosion score and more (see list on right of map).
20 When logged in data can be entered from the field; let Pam know if you need a login,
21 pbrangan@ccrpevt.org. Towns can also edit attributes/fields for structures, for example if the material has
22 changed, the condition is changed, etc. There is a "how to" guide and other resources built into the tool
23 under the "Useful Documents, Links and Information" toolbar heading. Pam then demonstrated how to
24 use the app on a cell phone to make changes in the field. One option is if there is good cell reception,
25 another option is to use the offline map when service is poor. The features are slightly different but the
26 data gets uploaded when you're back in service range. Andrea used the chat to ask these questions and
27 will follow up with Pam separately: In entering data on these maps how do we know that there are not
28 mistakes or that it is accurate? Who or what program verifies that it is correct? Is there documentation of
29 who is entering the data?

30 31 **9. Status of Projects and Subcommittee Reports**

32 See bulleted list at the end of the agenda for current CCRPC projects. TAC members are encouraged to
33 ask staff for more information on the status of any of these on-going or recently completed projects.

34 35 **10. CCRPC Board Meeting Report**

36 In April the Board voted to warn a public hearing for a Major TIP Amendment, voted to warn a public
37 hearing for the FY23 UPWP and Budget, heard a presentation from Green Mountain Transit, reviewed
38 the Executive Committee nominations, heard updates from the Executive Director, and engaged in a
39 discussion about the legislature's Transportation Bill language for CCRPC participation in a study
40 committee to examine the governance of the Burlington International Airport.

41 42 **11. Chairman's/Members' Items**

- 43 • I-89 2050 Study – Final Public Meeting May 10, 6-8 PM Via Zoom. <https://envision89.com/>
 - 44 ○ Eleni highlighted this meeting and noted we'll present to the TAC in June.
- 45 • [2022 VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program](#) is open. Applications must be received by
46 1:00 p.m., June 8. <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>
- 47 • Safe Streets and Roads for All: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new Safe
48 Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program to support regional, local, and tribal
49 initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The Department expects
50 to release the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) in May of 2022 for Round 1 funding.
 - 51 ○ SS4A website: <https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A>
 - 52 ○ Webinars with more info: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A/webinars>

- 1 • Tier 2 Rivers and Roads Training, May 18 & 19, 8:30am - 4:00pm, Milton Fire station, 47
- 2 Bombardier Rd, Milton, VT
- 3 • New VT Culverts web app is live: <https://www.vtculverts.org/>

4 Nicole notes that for SS4A program, US DOT is encouraging joint applications and asked that partners
5 and CCRPC consider opportunities to collaborate. Charlie notes CCRPC concern with staff capacity so
6 we may not independently apply but if towns are interested we can help as a partner.

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8 The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

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10 SAM ANDERSEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY ADELE GRAVITZ,
11 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:10 AM.

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13 Respectfully submitted, Bryan Davis

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